

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION**

MARQUISE LOCKHART,

Plaintiff,

v.

CYNTHIA REESE, et al.,

Defendants.

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No. 1:16-CV-63 SNLJ

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Court on plaintiff's motion for extension of time and motions for appointment of counsel. The motions are denied.

There is no constitutional or statutory right to appointed counsel in civil cases. *Nelson v. Redfield Lithograph Printing*, 728 F.2d 1003, 1004 (8th Cir. 1984). In determining whether to appoint counsel, the Court considers several factors, including (1) whether the plaintiff has presented non-frivolous allegations supporting his or her prayer for relief; (2) whether the plaintiff will substantially benefit from the appointment of counsel; (3) whether there is a need to further investigate and present the facts related to the plaintiff's allegations; and (4) whether the factual and legal issues presented by the action are complex. *See Johnson v. Williams*, 788 F.2d 1319, 1322-23 (8th Cir. 1986); *Nelson*, 728 F.2d at 1005.

Plaintiff has presented non-frivolous allegations in his complaint. However, he has demonstrated, at this point, that he can adequately present his claims to the Court. Additionally, neither the factual nor the legal issues in this case are complex. The Court will entertain future motions for appointment of counsel as the case progresses.


Plaintiff's motion for extension of time to file an amended complaint and to pay the initial partial filing fee is moot.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's motions for appointment of counsel [ECF Nos. 10, 15] are **DENIED** without prejudice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that plaintiff's motion for extension of time [ECF No. 11] is **DENIED** as moot.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2016.



STEPHEN N. LIMBAUGH, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE